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Sir:

This statement is filed in the application identified above pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), no copies of the cited U.S. references are provided. No representation is intended that a complete search has been made of the prior art or the litigation materials generated during the course of litigation, or that prior art references or litigation materials other than those listed on the attached forms are not available. The citation of these references and litigation materials shall not be construed to be an admission that the information cited in the statement is considered material to patentability of the subject invention.

Under MPEP § 2001.06(c), "where the subject matter for which a patent is being sought is or has been involved in litigation, the existence of such litigation and any other material information arising therefrom must be brought to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office." The SUITCASE which is shown and described in the present patent application is also the subject of a trademark and trade dress lawsuit, *Landor & Hawa U.S.A.*, *Inc.*, *Landor & Hawa International*, *Ltd. v. Heys U.S.A.*, *Inc.*, *Heys International*, *Ltd.*, which was filed in United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana, Indianapolis Division and assigned case number 05-cv-0962-LJM-WTL.

Under MPEP § 2001.06(c), "[e]nough information should be submitted to clearly inform the Office of the nature of these issues so that the Office can intelligently evaluate the need for asking for further materials in the litigation." The complaint in this lawsuit was filed on June 27, 2005 and, other than the complaint, no further pleadings, motions, or other documents regarding the substantive merits of the case have been filed. A trial has not yet taken place. A copy of the complaint is submitted with this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and is listed on the attached PTO 1449 form as item AT. The lawsuit does not currently involve any U.S. patents.

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it is unlikely that information arising in connection with this lawsuit will bear upon any of the above-

listed categories. However, if such material information should arise during the course of litigation,

it is our intention to provide that material information to the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office in

subsequent Supplemental Information Disclosure Statements.

None of the prior art listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 is believed to disclose or

suggest the invention recited in the claims of the above-identified application. It is therefore

believed that the claimed invention is patentably distinguishable over these references

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ATTY. DOCKET NO. SERIAL NO. 10/537,426 Sedat Selvi **GROUP FILING DATE** June 2, 2005 3727 UNITED STATES PATENT DOCUMENTS Filing Date *Examiner Subclass Class **Document Number** Date Name if Appropriate Initial AA 4,128,150 05 Dec 1978 Popkin et al. 25 Oct 1994 Armstrong, IV ΑĐ 5.358,082 AC 30 Sep 1997 Chiu 5,671,831 AD 6,305,513 23 Oct 2001 Lu ΑE 6,390,259 21 May 2002 Lu AF 6,408,997 25 Jun 2002 Chen 18 Mar 2003 AC 6,533,087 Chen 10 Jun 2003 Krulik et al. AH 6,575,272 ΑI 6,591,950 Scicluna 15 Jul 2003 22 Jul 2003 AJ 6,595,354 Scicluna 26 Aug 2003 Hsu AK 6,609,598 ΑL 2002/0130004 Lin 19 Sep 2002 12 Dec 2002 AM 2002/0185350 Chang et al. AN 2003/0000784 Hsu 02 Jan 2003 AO 2004/0035661 Krulik et al. 26 Feb 2004 AP 2005/0067244 Smith et al. 31 Mar 2005 FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS Translation Class Subclass **Document Number** Date Country Yes No AQ AR AS OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.) Complaint, Landor & Hawa U.S.A., Inc. and Landor & Hawa International, Ltd. vs. Heys U.S.A., Inc. and Heys International, AT Ltd., U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana, Indianapolis Division, Case No. 05-cv-0962-LJM-WTL ΑU ΑV AW AX **Date Considered** Examiner *EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.